

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

FEBRUARY 2008 BRUSH FIRES

SITUATION REPORT # 1

1800 Hours February 10, 2008

The next Situation Report will be 11 February 2008 at 1300 hours.

SUMMARY

Multiple wildfires are burning in many jurisdictions across the Commonwealth. High winds are fueling the fires and making fires difficult to contain. Requests for assistance from localities are coming in rapidly.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia VEOC is at Response Operations with limited staffing. The VEOC is on backup power.

State of Emergency: Governor Tim Kaine declared a State of Emergency on February 10, 2008 at 1740 Hours.

Federal Declaration: No declaration has been requested at this time.

Protective Actions: Local Emergency Declared:

Bedford County	0800 Hours	January 10, 2008
Roanoke County	1544 Hours	January 10, 2008
Caroline County	1536 Hours	January 10, 2008
Orange County	1627 Hours	January 10, 2008
Dinwiddie County	1639 Hours	January 10, 2008
Lunenburg County	1642 Hours	January 10, 2008
Nelson County	1717 Hours	January 10, 2008
King George County	1700 Hours	January 10, 2008

Schools: No school closures at this time.

WEATHER

Forecast: Sunday evening: High wind warnings and high wind advisories in effect until 0100 Monday, February 11. Partly to mostly cloudy with low temperatures in the low to mid teens with wind chills around zero in the morning. Northwest winds 20 to 30 MPH with gusts up to 65 MPH.

Monday: Sunny; high temperatures in the low to upper 30s; west winds 10-15 MPH; relative humidity 20%.

OPERATIONS SECTION

Local Liaison: VDEM Local Support Services Divisions; Region Six Coordinator is in Bedford County and Region One Coordinator is in Greenville. Other Regional Coordinators are polling their localities and have reported in.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 4 – Firefighting: Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)

The VDOF Forestry Command Center is operational and is coordinating response to widespread fires.

ESF 1 – Transportation: Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Many primary roads are impacted due to power lines and debris in the roadway. There are also many impacts due to smoke and fire.

Primary routes that are currently impacted:

Augusta County Route 252 – power lines down
 Louisa County Route 522 – debris in roadway
 Botetourt County Route 460 – power outage at traffic lights
 Chesterfield County I-295 mile marker 18 – tracker trailer incident
 Roanoke County I-81 S at mile marker 145 – brush fire
 Hanover County I-95 S at mile marker 101 – brush fire
 Rockingham County I-81 S at mile marker 248 – vehicle fire
 New Kent County Route 60 – downed power lines
 Charlotte County Route 47 – vehicle accident
 Monitor Merrimac Bridge Tunnel I-664 – vehicle accident
 Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel – Level 3 Wind Restrictions

ESF 16 – Military Affairs: Virginia National Guard (VANG)

Currently increasing readiness of the Joint Operations Center.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support: Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The VEOC is coordinating requests for assistance from the localities. Ten requests for assistance have been received and are being worked.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Locality	Request for Assistance	Declaration	Number of Fires	Other
Bedford County	Yes	Yes	12	150+ personnel, Forest Service personnel, No injuries, No buildings damaged, 40 people sheltered
Orange County	Yes	Yes	Unknown	
Nelson County	Yes	Yes	2 50-100 acres	200 people impacted; 50 evacuated; 2 shelters opened
Greensville County	Yes		2	
Appomattox County	Yes			
Brunswick County	Yes		2	
Louisa County	Yes			
Lunenburg County	Yes	Yes		
Roanoke County			1 primary with several small	Endangering housing
Buckingham County	Yes			
King George County	Yes	Yes	5	
Hanover County			25	Evacuations
Spotsylvania County		Yes	5	
Isle of Wight County			1 large	
Caroline County	Yes	Yes		
Dinwiddie County	Yes	Yes		
Culpeper County				
Fauquier County				
Henrico County	Yes			
New Kent County	Yes		14 fires	
Nelson County	Yes	Yes	Unknown	

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